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BUNCHE SHOWED YOST YESTERDAY DRAFT OF LETTER FROM SYG TO CASTRO CONCERNING PROPOSAL TO INVITE 5 LA AMBS IN CUBA TO SERVE AS INSPECTION TEAM. DRAFT WAS TO BE SHOWN INFORMALLY TO CUBAN AMB LATER IN DAY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIS REACTION BEFORE ACTUAL DESPATCH OF LETTER. DRAFT PUB FORWARD PROPOSAL ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS WITH THOUGHT THAT, IF CUBA ACCEPTED, DETAILS WOULD BE WORKED OUT LATER.

YOST DESCRIBED TO BUNCHE 6 POINTS COVERED REFTEL AND BUNCHE REPLIED THAT THANT'S PROPOSAL EMBRACED ALL THESE POINTS, ALTHOUGH POINTS 3 AND 5 ARE NOT ELABORATED IN DRAFT LETTER AND WOULD NOT BE WORKED OUT UNTIL CUBA HAD ACCEPTED GENERAL PRINCIPLE. THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT HOWEVER ON POINTS 1, 2, 4 AND 6 AS WELL AS ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF POINT 3.

DRAFT LETTER OPENED WITH REFERENCE TO CASTRO'S CONCERN FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY STATED DURING THANT'S VISIT TO HAVANA AND WITH STATEMENT THAT SYG THEREFORE UNDERSTOOD CASTRO'S UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT UN INSPECTORS. YOST POINTED OUT THIS SEEMED TO IMPLY SOME RECOGNITION BY SYG THAT UN PRESENCE IN A COUNTRY MIGHT NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH SOVEREIGNTY EVEN IF ITS GOVT GAVE ITS CONSENT AND THAT THIS STATEMENT WAS THEREFORE UNFORTUNATE. BUNCHE AGREED TO CUT IT OUT.

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THERE WAS ALSO A PARA IN DRAFT IN WHICH SYG SAID THAT IF CUBA ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL AND IT WORKED SATISFACTORILY IN THIS CASE SYG AND CASTRO MIGHT FIND IT CONVENIENT TO USE THESE SAME 5 AMBS AS LIAISON BETWEEN THEM IN THE FUTURE. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH CLEVELAND YOST RECOMMENDED THAT THIS PARA ALSO BE DELETED AND BUNCHE SAID THAT HE WOULD SO RECOMMEND TO SYG. HOWEVER TIME THEN REMAINING BEFORE MTG WITH CUBANS WAS EXCEEDINGLY BRIEF AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN THIS PARA WAS IN FACT OMITTED.

WE HAVE LEARNED TODAY THAT CUBAN AMB WAS UNWILLING TO MAKE ANY PERSONAL COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSAL AND THAT HE ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED A COPY OF DRAFT LETTER TO BE SUBMITTED INFORMALLY TO HIS GOVT TO OBTAIN THEIR REACTION. STEVENSON

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